

# factorial

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## Script:

```
#!/bin/bash

fact() {
n=$1
if [ "$n" -le 1 ]; then
echo 1
return
fi
res=1
for ((i=2;i<=n;i++)); do
res=$(( res * i ))
done
eccho "$res"
}

if [ $# -lt 1 ]; then
echo "Usage: $0 <non-negative integer>"
exit 1
fi

for arg in "$@"; do
if ! [[ $arg =~ ^[0-9]+$ ]]; then
echo "$arg: not a non-negative integer, skipping."
continue
fi

echo "$arg! = $(fact "$arg")"
done
```

## Breakdown:

1. `#!/bin/bash` --> Shebang: tells the system to run the script with Bash.
2. `fact() { ... }` --> Defines a function named fact that calculates a factorial.
  - `n=$1` -> Stores the first argument to the function in variable n.
  - `if [ "$n" -le 1 ]; then echo 1` -> if n is less than 1, print 1.
  - `return` -> to exit the function.
  - `res=1` -> Initializing result variable.

- `for ((i=2;i<=n;i++)); do res=$(( res * i )) done echo "$res"` -> Start of a for loop from 2 to n. tthen multiplying res by i on each iteration and then ending the loop.
- `echo "$res"` -> Output the computed factorial.
- 3. `if [ $# -lt 1 ]; then echo "Usage: $0 <non-negative-integer>"` -> Check if the script got fewer than 1 argument and showing usage if no arguments.
- 4. `exit 1` -> tells the shell to stop running the current script. The number (1) is the exit code or return status.
- 5. `for arg in "$@"; do` -> Loop through all command-line arguments.
- 6. `if ! [[ $arg =~ ^[0-9]+$ ]]; then` -> To check if arg is mon negative integer.
- 7. `continue` -> Skip to next argument.
- 8. `echo "$arg! = $(fact "$arg")"` -> Call fact and print the factorial.
- 9. `done` -> End the main loop.

## Output:

### Case 1: Single number:

```
./factorial.sh 5
5! = 120
```

### Case 2: Several numbers:

```
./factorial.sh 0 1 3 6
0! = 1
1! = 1
3! = 6
6! = 720
```

### Case 3: Valid and invalid inputs:

```
./factorial.sh 4 hello -2
4! = 24
hello: not a non-negative integer, skipping.
-2: not a non-negative integer, skipping.
```